GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Revenue Department - Initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Sri Bh.Bhavani Shankar, the then RDO, Vizianagaram and 4 other Tahsildars of Vizianagaram District for submitting irregular reports to the Joint Collector and also not protecting the Government land – Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 and r/w Rule - 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted- IA appointed- Inquiry Report submitted – Inquiry report communication under Rule 21(2) of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Explanation received – Penalty of stoppage of 2 annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District – Imposed - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE - I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1268 **Dated: 16-10-2025**

Read the following:

1.From G.A(SC.D) Dept., U.O.Note.No.GAD01-PERSOIAS/34/2022-AS-PERS, dt: 16.08.2023 along with the Preliminary enquiry report submitted by Sri Babu, IAS, Inquiry Authority & MD, A.P Diary Development corporation, Mangalagiri .
2.Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/61/2023, Rev.(Vig.I) dept., dt: 19.10.2023
3.From the District Collector, Vizianagaram, Rc.NO. 858/2022/A7, dt: 10.02.2024
4.From the O/O CCLA, e-file REV02-27/5/2024-VIGILANCE I SEC-CCLA
5. G.O.Ms.No.154, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.02.05.2024
6. G.O.Rt.No.415, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.02.05.2024
7. WSDs received from the Charged Officers,30-07-2024
8. G.O.Rt.No.784, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.06.11.2024
9. G.O.Rt.No.785, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.06.11.2024
10. From the Joint Collector & Inquiry Authority, Vizianagaram, Rc.No. 2717/ 2024/A7, Dt.19.02.2025.
11.Govt.,Memo No REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/61/2023-VIG-I, Dt11.08.2025.
12..From Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District, Explanation Dt.02.09.2025

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ORDER:

Whereas, In the reference 5th read above, common disciplinary proceedings Under Rule-24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules-1991 have been initiated against Sri Bh.Bhavani Shankar, the then RDO, Vizianagaram alongwith 4 other Tahsildars of Vizianagaram District for submitting irregular reports to the to Sri G.Ch.Kishore Kumar,I.A.S,Joint Collector, Vizianagaram and also not protecting the Government land. In the reference 6th read above Article of charges have been framed against Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa under rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the irregularity that he failed protect the Government land though the land was classified as AWD-Gayalu as per MDR/SFA and the lands were assigned to poor persons previously and he has submitted a report to the Joint Collector & Settlement Officer, Vizianagaram vide letter Rc.No.41/2021/HDT/ Dt.05.02.2021 recommending for issue of patta to the claimants instead of initiating action under POT Act, 1977. In the reference 7th read above the C.O has submitted his explanation which is not convincing.

2. Whereas, in the reference 8th and 9th read above, Government have ordered for a regular enquiry by appointing Joint collector, Vizianagaram and DRO Vizianagaram as Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer ited to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officers.

3. Whereas, in the reference 10th read above, the Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam District cum inquiry authority, after conducting detailed enquiry, has submitted his inquiry report holding the charges and held the charge against the C.O as “Proved”. After examination of the Inquiry report vide reference 11th read above a copy of the Inquiry Report has been communicated to all the charged officers including C.O Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District as required under Rule-21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In reply the C.O has submitted her explanation vide reference 12th read above.

4. And whereas, Government, after careful examination of the explanation as per scheme of vigilance and with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Authority hereby

decided to impose a Penalty of stoppage of 2 annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the Penalty of stoppage of 2 annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Spl.CS, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LANDS)(FAC)

To
Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District (Through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration &Spl.CS, A.P)
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration& SPl.CS, AP., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Vizianagaram.
The General Administration (SC-B) Department, A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Revenue (Services-I) Department, A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (Revenue, R&S)
The PS to Special CS to Government (Lands).
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SECTION OFFICER